Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting October 1, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on October 1, 2020 in the Dodge County Highway Reeseville shop located at 404 N. Main Street in Reeseville.

ROLL CALL AND NON-COMMITTEE MEMBER COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR ATTENDANCE: The following members were present – Jeffrey Caine, Richard Fink, David Frohling, Jeff Berres, and Dale Macheel. There were no non-Committee County Board Supervisors in attendance. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Nathan Kempke, Andrew Schnitzler and Dan Siegmann were also present. Shop Superintendent John Haase was present for part of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Andrew Schnitzler made statements relating to the truck wash facility at the highway shops. Dan Siegmann suggested the Committee consider lower funding options for truck replacement in future budgets.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 MEETING: Motion by Fink and seconded by Frohling to approve the minutes of September 3, 2020. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

• Highway Condition/Safety Concerns – Berres mentioned potholes and rutting concerns on CTH Q near Pit Road. Department staff will inspect and address these concerns.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

• Field reported that contingency planning was underway for snowplowing operations during COVID-19 quarantine and isolation.

DISCUSSION – CTH A AND CTH W INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:

Kempke shared a 10-year crash history at the intersection of CTH A and CTH W. He reported that blinker flash signs and additional informational plaques have been installed at this intersection recently.

PROJECT UPDATES:

• CTH Projects – Kempke reported that STH 67 (CTH S – Gray Log Road) is closed for improvements per Wisconsin Department of Transportation direction.

CTH J and CTH DJ (STH 60 – CTH M) are scheduled to be paved on October 2nd.

American Engineering Testing Inc. has been contracted to perform soil boring and base testing on county highways to be improved in the next two years.

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Reeseville Highway Shop – This project is substantially completed. Dodge County IT
Department and Dodge County Highway have some items to complete. Accounting and
final billing have not been completed.

2021 BUDGET UDPATE:

- Prioritize Highway Infrastructure Projects The Committee reviewed proposed projects for 2021 and 2022. Motion by Fink and seconded by Macheel to approve the proposed projects and improvement schedule pending sufficient building approval. Motion carried.
- Review Equipment Requests Haase presented the current 2021 Budget request Capital Asset Purchases list. Motion by Frohling and seconded by Caine to eliminate the proposed purchase of a roadside tractor/mower tractor and only purchase a bat wing mower resulting in an \$80,000 reduction and to eliminate the requested \$150,000 for a used paver purchase in 2021 if the current 2020 used paver resolution is approved by the County Board on October 20th. Furthermore, the 2021 Capital Asset Purchasing account shall be reduced by \$230,000 and the 2021 CTHS Road Construction account shall be increased by \$230,000. Motion carried.

REVIEW, CONSIDER, AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Disposal of Surplus Right-of-Way Along CTH T A request to release an easement on property in the Town of Elba near CTH T was discussed. Motion by Berres and seconded by Fink to release the easement on Parcel #1541-000. Motion carried.
- 2021 Routine Maintenance Agreement with Wisconsin Department of Transportation Motion by Frohling and seconded by Fink to authorize the Commissioner to accept the WiDOT 2021 Routine Maintenance Agreement. The proposed contract total is \$2,389,600. Motion carried.
- Used Paver Quotations Haase presented a quotation for a used paver for \$80,000 from Aring Equipment. Motion by Frohling and seconded by Fink to recommend this purchase. A resolution will be presented to the County Board for consideration on October 20, 2020.

AIRPORT HANGAR BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT UPDATE: Badgerland Roofing has completed the hangar roof and related flashing.

COUNTY AID BRIDGE REPORT: Kempke presented the 2020 County Aid Bridge Report. Motion by Frohling and seconded by Caine to approve this report. Motion carried.

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DETERMINE NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on November 5, 2020 at the Juneau office.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Truck purchasing policy review and project review.

TOUR REESEVILLE SHOP: The Committee toured the new shop.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.